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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement unjust

Dear Sirs,

I wish to state for the record that the Microsoft settlement is unjust, and only furthers their monopolistic practices. The proposed settlement to "donate" software and hardware to schools is only designed to undermine Apple even further in their traditional school system markets. There is no dealing fairly in Microsoft's business.

I cannot believe that this nation, which has always played fairly would allow this monopoly to continue to crush the innovations of other companies, and continue the unjust licensing practices they have had in place for so long. The future of true value and stability lies elsewhere. The future of computing does not begin Redmond Washington making the few wealthy at the expense of the public.

I pray that the Department of Justice negotiate a settlement to curb the Microsoft businesses which, when seeing someone else's success, ultimately enter that market and destroy it for all others. Would we allow Standard Oil to set the price of Gasoline? No, we did not. Would we allow AT&T to stay a monopoly? No, we did not. What possible benefit can be gained from allowing this one company (which has had a habit of releasing substandard imitations of others' innovations) to continue to dominate the market through monopolistic practices? I say no benefit other than the personal gains of the officials at Microsoft.

If Microsoft is allowed to do what it wants, Real Networks, Kodak, Syamantec, McAfee, and many other companies will eventually be forced to cede their markets to Microsoft through the Windows Media Player (ins't this just another re-hash of the Video for Windows debacle?), the Personal Firewall in XP, the digital photo suites, everything that others built - they copy and destroy. They are also exerting tremendous pressure on OEM's to keep them from delivering Linux-based PC's to consumers. They want to destroy the open-source movement with lies. Scott McNealy has it right - they do not even flirt with the truth anymore.

I pray that you take punitive action and stop them before we have a Government by and for the Microsoft.

Sincerely,

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Nature abhors a vacuum, and so does my dog.

